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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MAC FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE AND LEAVE FOR MILITARY
PERSONNEL ON DIEGO GARCIA

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1. ON DECEMBER 6 DCM APPROACHED DEPUTY SECRETARY MFA TAN BOON
SENG AND ASKED GOS AGREEMENT (A) TO INCREASING STAGING OF MAC
FLIGHTS THROUGH SINGAPORE TO DIEGO GARCIA TO THREE ROUND TRIPS
PER MONTH, AND (B) TO ALLOWING 7S. MILITARY PERSONNEL IN DIEGO
GARCIA TO TAKE LEAVE IN LIMITED NUMBERS (APPROXIMATELY
25 MAXIMUM AT ANY ONE TIME) IN SINGAPORE. TAN SAID HE SAW NO
PROBLEM, BUT WOULD HAVE "TO CHECK IT OUT".

2. ON DECEMBER 15, PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY MFA, GOEFFREY
YU, CALLED DCM TO SAY THAT GOS AGREED TO BOTH REQUESTS. GOS
CONCURRENCE IN SECOND REQUEST SUBJECT TO FOLLOWING CAVEATS: (A)
PERSONNEL FROM DIEGO GARCIA MUST WEAR CIVILIAN CLOTHING WHILE
IN SINGAPORE; (B) PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER GENERAL
ELECTION ON DECEMBER 23. HE WENT ON TO SUGGEST THAT LEAVE
PROGRAM BEGIN IN JANUARY. YU ASSUMED EMBASSY WOULD COORDINATE
DETAILS WITH MINISTRY OF DEFENSE.

3. ONCE FINAL GUIDANCE RECEIVED FROM RELEVANT WASHINGTON AGENCIES,
DETAILS CONCERNING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEAVE PROGRAM WILL BE
COORDINATED BY DAO. SPECIFICS CAN BE COMPLETED EARLY PART
OF NEXT WEEK (22 DEC) WITH VARIOUS ELEMENTS INVOLVED IN THE IM-
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PLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING U.S. NAVY REP FROM DIEGO

GARCIA, TENGAH AIR FIELD RECEPTION PERSONNEL (AUSTRALIAN ARMED
FORCES), U.S. NAVY OFFICE SINGAPORE, MINDEF AND DAO. EMBASSY/
DAO RECOMMENDS PROGRAM BE IMPLEMENTED AT CINCPAC CONVENIENCE
ANY TIME AFTER JANUARY 1, 1977.
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